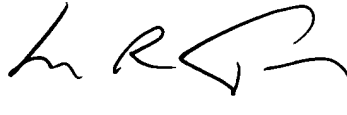


REMARKS

Applicant hereby amends the application as required to perfect the priority claim under 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(5). Since the subject application was filed before November 29, 2000, the time periods of 37 CFR §1.78(a)(5)(ii) do not apply. See 36 CFR §1.78(a)(5)(ii)(A).

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